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Claims 21-27 and 29-35 are pending. Claims 1-20 were previously cancelled.

Claim 28 is cancelled herein. Claims 21, 29-31, 33 and 34 are amended herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's finding that Claim 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 30 is amended herein to be an independent claim as suggested. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Claims 21-23, 25-27, 31 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Gruening-Von Schwerin et al. Claims 21-22, 27-29 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Wang et al. Claims 23, 24, 26, 31-33 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. in view of Carey or Matsuoka et al. These rejections are hereby respectfully traversed.

Claim 28 is cancelled herein. Claims 29 and 31-35 are amended herein so as to depend from Claim 30, a claim indicated by the Examiner as allowable over the prior art of record, now presented in independent form. As the parent independent Claim 30 recites allowable limitations, these dependent claims that incorporate and add additional limitations to those limitations are also allowable. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 21 is an independent claim that is amended herein to recite limitations similar to the allowable limitations recited in Claim 30, and as amended, is also believed to be allowable over the prior art. Claims 22-27 depend from and recite additional limitations on the limitations of Claim 21 and these dependent claims are therefore also

believed to be allowable. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

The amendments and remarks herein are believed to place the pending claims and this application in a condition for allowance. Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. Authorization to pay the RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is given in the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. However, in the event that there are any additional fees due, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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